

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a disc; and

a disc cartridge having a main cartridge body unit configured to house said disc therein and provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said disc across inner and outer rims thereof;

wherein an opening for a driving unit, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means, configured for rotationally driving said disc, is formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit; the inner peripheral surface of said opening for the driving unit operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus; the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving unit in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction for mounting the disc cartridge on the recording and/or reproducing apparatus; and

an annular loading support part configured to position said disc cartridge in the horizontal direction and in the height-wise direction, said loading support part having a ring-shaped center fitting protrusion at an inner periphery fitted in said opening for a driving unit of said disc cartridge, the annular loading support part spaced apart from and surrounding the driving unit,

wherein the peripheral edge of the opening is configured to abut against an outer peripheral edge of the annular loading support part.

Claim 2 (Original): The disc cartridge according to claim 1 wherein a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit is formed as a substantially semicircular arcuate section having the center of said disc housed in said main cartridge body unit as center.

Claim 3 (Original): The disc cartridge according to claim 2 wherein said arcuate section is formed on a side of insertion of said main cartridge body unit into the recording and/or reproducing apparatus.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The disc cartridge according to claim 3, wherein said recording and/or reproducing aperture is formed facing a lateral side of said main cartridge body unit other than the lateral side formed as said arcuate section.

Claim 5 (Original): The disc cartridge according to claim 1 further comprising:
a shutter unit configured to open/close said recording and/or reproducing aperture;
and

a slide guide formed on said main cartridge body unit for movably carrying said shutter unit;

said slide guide being provided such that, when said inner peripheral surface is set on said recording and/or reproducing apparatus, said mounting reference plane in said height-wise direction is protruded from said slide guide towards said rotational driving means.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus comprising:

a cartridge holder on which is loaded a disc cartridge including a main cartridge body unit, said main cartridge body unit rotatably housing an optical disc, said main cartridge body

unit being provided in at least one surface thereof with a recording and/or reproducing aperture for exposing a part of said optical disc across inner and outer rims, an opening there being formed in one surface of said main cartridge body unit ~~an opening~~, into which is intruded at least a part of rotational driving means configured for rotationally driving said disc₁[[;]] the inner peripheral surface of said opening operating as a mounting reference plane in a planar direction for mounting the disc cartridge on a recording and/or reproducing apparatus₁[[;]] the peripheral edge of said opening in said one surface operating as a mounting reference plane in the height-wise direction;

an annular loading support part configured to position said disc cartridge in the horizontal direction and in the height-wise direction; and

said annular loading support part having a ring-shaped center fitting protrusion at an inner periphery, fitted in said opening for a driving unit of said disc cartridge, said annular loading support part spaced apart from and surrounding the driving unit and having a tapered surface at an outer periphery carrying the peripheral edge of said opening for the driving unit of said disc cartridge₁

wherein the peripheral edge of the opening is configured to abut against an outer peripheral edge of the annular loading support part.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said loading support part is formed for surrounding the outer rim of rotation driving means for rotationally driving said disc.